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Contest moved to Thursday, Nov. 10 to accomodate the broadcast



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STATESBORO - ESPN and the Sun Belt Conference announced Wednesday that Georgia Southern's home football game against UL Lafayette will be featured as an ESPNU national television broadcast. The game will be played on Thursday, Nov. 10 at Paulson Stadium and kickoff time will be announced at a later date.

Each year ESPN features five attractive matchups from the Sun Belt for Thursday night telecasts on ESPNU. The game between the Eagles and Ragin' Cajuns gives both

universities an opportunity to be showcased on a national network that reaches 72 million households.

"We're excited that ESPN has chosen Georgia Southern for two of its five Thursday night Sun Belt football games," said GS athletic director [Tom Kleinlein](#). "While we recognize that two Thursday night home games are a challenge to our fans, our local community and the university planning, I fully believe that Eagle Nation will pack Paulson Stadium to show the college football world what Georgia Southern Football is all about to capitalize on the power of ESPN. It's a good thing to be chosen by ESPN because it means we're winning games and our stadium environment is something they want showcase on national television."

Georgia Southern's home contest against Appalachian State will also be featured on a Thursday night ESPNU telecast. That game is scheduled for Oct. 27 and it will mark the third consecutive season that these two historic rivals will face-off on national television. The Eagles are guaranteed a third nationally televised game when they travel to Jonesboro, Arkansas, for a game on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Arkansas State which will be aired on ESPN2. Road games at Georgia Tech and Ole Miss are also likely to be broadcast, giving GS the opportunity to be featured on national television at least five times.

"Georgia Southern and UL Lafayette have had tremendous success on the football field the last several years," said Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson. "Winning games grabs attention and these two teams win games. ESPN and the Sun Belt provide an opportunity to showcase winning programs to a primetime national audience and the result is that student-athletes, teams, universities and the Sun Belt Conference get to raise their profiles on a national level."

Sun Belt television listings for the first three weeks of the regular season, plus game times for midweek contests, will be announced at a later date. Networks will be determined 12 days prior to games in the fourth week of the season and beyond. The 2016 football season will be the fourth consecutive year that every game played on a Sun Belt campus will be available to watch live on an ESPN platform.

The 2016 season will conclude with the Sun Belt being guaranteed a minimum of four spots in postseason bowl games. The Sun Belt maintains partnerships with the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, the GoDaddy Bowl, the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl and the AutoNation Cure Bowl. Additionally, the College Football Playoff guarantees that a spot among the premier bowl games in college football will be given to the highest-ranked champion from the Group of Five" conferences: the Sun Belt Conference, American Athletic Conference, Mountain West Conference, Mid-American Conference and Conference USA.

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